

## DEBATE OF THE WEEK

### Allow Wild Animals as Pets?

Officials in Ohio are working on a law that would ban wild animals (such as monkeys and snakes) as pets. A man in Ohio was recently killed by a bear being kept as a pet. Laws on exotic pets vary by state. Owners of these pets say they make great companions if properly cared for. But others say it can be dangerous and unkind to keep wild animals as pets. What do you think?



**ABBEY DIMAS**  
Texas

**Yes**

People should be allowed to keep wild animals as pets as long as they have the right materials to care for them. They should first learn how to properly take care of the animal. If you love the animal and can give it everything it needs, then it's fine to have a wild animal as a pet.



**COOPER AQUILINO**  
New York

**No**

I don't think wild animals should be allowed to be kept as people's pets. When wild animals are kept captive, they are not in their natural habitats. They may act differently. They could be dangerous to humans if they are not in their normal environments.

## STICKY SITUATION

Barbara invites Natalie to sleep over at her house. When Natalie gets there, she discovers that Barbara has seven cats. Natalie is allergic to cats. Natalie knows she will not sleep well because of her allergies, but she doesn't want to leave and hurt Barbara's feelings. What should she do?

### Write About It!

Write a paragraph explaining what you think Natalie should do in this situation.

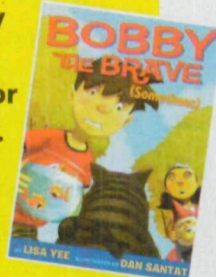


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## BOOK REVIEW

### Bobby the Brave (Sometimes)

**Bobby the Brave (Sometimes)** by Lisa Yee is the perfect book for young readers. It's the second book in a series about fourth-grader Bobby Ellis-Chan.



Bobby feels he is not a good enough son for his dad, who was an NFL linebacker for the Los Angeles Earthquakes. Instead, Bobby loves skateboarding. He fears that he and his dad will never be close. Will the two ever have anything in common? Read the book to find out. It's well worth it!

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Lexi Cornell

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